

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

June 30, 2016

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: Councilor Paul O'Connell (W4)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on June 16, 2016 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the weeks ending June 22, 2016 in the amount of \$376,076.68 and June 29, 2016 in the amount of \$ 216,194.51 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kasper
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of June 16-29, 2016
- Report from the Building Inspector's office June 15-24, 2016
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 20, 2016

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the weeks ending June 24, 2016 in the amount of \$ 1,826,507.07 and July 1, 2016 in the amount of \$ 484,847.19 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from March 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015 in the total amount of \$3,879.89. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .15%.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H7010.18, 2016 South Platt St. Facilities Upgrades to include rehabilitating the basketball court at South Acres Park through reducing the requested cost of three items listed for South Platt Park, keeping the total project cost the same.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the following street closures for the City of Plattsburgh 4th of July Community Celebration and the Mayor's Cup Festival and Regatta:

July 4th: City Hall Place between 10:00a.m. - 10:00p.m.
Lower Court Street and Trinity Place 8:00a.m -10:00p.m.

(Bridge Street will be accessible until 10:45a.m. after which it will be closed with limited access until 12:15p.m. for the Red, White & Blue Relay Run/Walk)
Cumberland Avenue-Wilcox Dock, closed/limited access from 1:00p.m.-after parade

Mayor's Cup

July 8th City Hall Place 5:30p.m.-10:00p.m.

Lower Court Street and Trinity Place 8:00a.m.-10:00p.m.

July 9th City Hall Place 8:00a.m.-10:00p.m.

Lower Court Street and Trinity Place 8:00a.m.-10:00p.m.

Bridge Street from Upper Bridge Street by Ashley's Furniture to the light at the S. Peru St. intersection 4:45p.m.-10:00p.m.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves awarding the City's Property, Casualty and Liability insurance coverage to Houston Casualty Division of Tokio Marine through the Marshall & Sterling Agency at the premium rate of \$248,509 for the period July 6th, 2016, through July 6th, 2017.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. WHEREAS, The NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act provides grants for drinking water improvement projects. The grants are a 60% match up to \$3,000,000. An application for grant money has been prepared to replace some of the raw transmission lines from the West Plattsburgh Cross Connection to Thew's Cross Connection. The total project cost is estimated at \$5,000,000. If the \$3,000,000 grant is awarded, the City would need to contribute \$2,000,000.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the application and that the City Council agrees to provide the matching \$2,000,000 either in cash or by water bonds.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves ETS to hold a Workforce Challenge Kickball Tournament on US Oval on October 8, 2016.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain's office to amend the 2016 General Fund Budget by increasing appropriations in the amount of \$9,000.00 for Community Development Fees for Services with a corresponding increase in estimated revenue of \$9,000.00 in Community Development-Reimbursement for added revenue received from NYS AHC.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Frank Palumbo of Plattsburgh Combat Sports to hold a beach wrestling tournament at the Plattsburgh City Beach on July 30.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

I. RESOLVED: that the Plattsburgh Common Council hereby approves the proposed settlement of the real property assessment cases filed by Hyun Ju Williams for the years 2010 through 2012, impacting tax map parcel no. 207.14-3-63 as follows: for the tax year of 2010 the assessment shall be corrected to a revised assessment of \$0 for a total refund by the County of Clinton, City of Plattsburgh and the Plattsburgh City School District of \$11,925, of which the City of Plattsburgh will contribute \$3,285; for the tax year of 2011 the assessment shall be corrected to a revised assessment of \$94,829, for a total refund by the County of Clinton, City of Plattsburgh and the Plattsburgh City School District of \$3,575, of which the City of Plattsburgh will contribute \$986; and the 2012 assessment shall remain the same, resulting in no refunds, and the petitions will be withdrawn. Be it

further resolved that approval of this proposed settlement is contingent upon the Hon. Judge Ellis' review and approval.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Department Employees to attend "2016 International Association of Chief of Police Annual Conference and Exposition" from October 14-19, 2016 in San Diego, CA. The total cost will not exceed \$6818.00 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture fund.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Fire Chief Scott Lawliss and one Fire Fighter to attend final inspection of the new Ferrara Fire Aerial from July 12-14, 2016 in New Orleans, LA. The total cost will not exceed \$370 as the Ferrara Fire Company is paying for the balance of the trip.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Armstrong spoke about the Lake Country Village water breaks. Thanked DPW for all the work they are doing. Read notes from residents expressing their concerns.

[Discussion ensued with Mayor, Council and DPW regarding this issue]

Councilor Kretser spoke about Hamilton Street thanked everyone involved it looks amazing. Asked who water sod. DPW responded contractor.

Councilor Kasper said next week's work session is on budget.

Councilor Kelly spoke about resident's concerns that live next to Store Tavern. Outside drinking, loud, neighbor's windows have been broken. Something needs to be done.

Mayor Calnon mentioned when the Liquor License renewal notices come in from the businesses they will be sent to Police, Building Inspector and Council for review. Comments can come from municipality. Local enforcement of rules.

[Discussion ensued with Mayor, Council and Police Chief Racicot regarding this issue]

Mayor Calnon sets Public Hearing on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 5pm:

THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM PROPOSED APPLICATION. THE PROPOSED APPLICATION IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PLATTSBURGH HOUSING AUTHORITY TO UPGRADE THE TWO ELEVATORS IN LAKEVIEW TOWERS, 9 story, 95-unit senior designated high rise in the Plattsburgh Housing Authority that was built in 1970 .

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:05pm